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Respect For Flag

Editor, The News:

Not too many years ago our flag was respected around the world, loved by our friends and feared by our enemies. Today, thanks to a majority of our bungling and mercenary politicians and part of our bungling and mercenary personnel in our CIA, our Flag was torn down, trod on, spit on and even burned, not only by our so-called enemies, but in some nations we now consider friends. In years gone by we punished our enemies and helped our friends but today it seems we punish our friends and help our enemies; we censor England, France, Belgium and South Africa and help known Communist nations such as Yugoslavia and many of the so-called neutrals such as India, Egypt and the North African nations who censor us.

It has always been my impression and I think the impression of the majority of our citizens that our CIA was made up of fearless, dedicated, patriotic men and women who placed country before themselves and many have died in

Due to the great volume of letters this department has been receiving lately it has become necessary to revise our policy of attempting to publish each and every letter we receive. Until such time, therefore, as we can provide further space, we must insist that all letters be restricted to not more than 350 words and we will reserve the right to edit or omit letters which in our judgment are not of general interest.

the line of duty in this belief. Today it appears that our politicians and mercenaries have taken over this organization and demand exorbitant fees for any hazardous assignment and then bungle the job. They failed us at Pearl Harbor, Korea, the U-2 fiasco, the Congo and certainly in Cuba before and after Castro took over. No doubt, there are still many dedicated men and women in this organization and they have the full thanks of the nation, but I believe it is time to weed out the politicians and mercenaries, reorganize the CIA or turn their duties over to the FBI, which at present is still not infested with politicians and mercenaries.

Our President and some of our politicians speak of our lost prestige, but give no answer or reason, but I believe that Mr. Average Citizen could supply the answer. We lost prestige when we were sold out at Yalta, Terhian and Potsdam; we lost prestige when President Truman stopped General MacArthur after he drove the Communists to the Yalu River on the Korean-Chinese border and then fired him because he wanted to destroy the Yalu River Dam and destroy Red China when we had just signed the Yalu River Dam agreement with the Chinese.

We were not supposed to be aggressors because we might offend the free and neutral nations, but before that and since then we and these same free and neutral nations let Russia roll merrily along over Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and other Balkan Nations while Red China took over North Korea, North Viet-